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SUBJECT: OPRED - JUSTICE/DEA STAFFING - CURACAO

REF: CURACAO 0523, THE HAGUE 5129

1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED IN REFTTEL, DEA HAS  
SUPPLIED THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A. DEA GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES FINE RECORD OF COOPERA-  
TION AND PROFESSIONALISM THUS FAR DISPLAYED BY GNA OFFICIALS  
IN MUTUAL EFFORTS TO COMBAT NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN THE  
CARIBBEAN. GNA HAS BEEN VERY RESPONSIVE IN ADDRESSING THIS  
PROBLEM, WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN GROWING RAPIDLY BOTH  
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IN SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE; DEA FEELS THAT WITH THE SUPPORT OF

THE MISSION AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, GNA WILL WELCOME THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEA PRESENCE IN THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. THE GON HAS ITSELF BEEN VERY RECEPTIVE TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF NARCOTICS LAW ENFORCEMENT, EVIDENCED BY ITS APPROVAL OF A DEA OFFICE IN THE HAGUE.

B. RE PAR 2 REFTEL, ANY FEARS CONCERNING "CONTROL OF ARMED FOREIGN, QUASI-POLICE OFFICERS IN ANTILLEAN TERRITORY" WOULD APPEAR UNFOUNDED. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT DEA'S PRIMARY ROLE OVERSEAS IS THAT OF COORDINATING INVESTIGATIONS WHICH AFFECT THE SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF BOTH THE U.S. AND ITS VARIOUS HOST COUNTRIES. HAVING OFFICES IN A MULTIPLICITY OF FOREIGN LOCATIONS, DEA IS THE FREQUENT RECIPIENT OF NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE DIRECTLY RELATING TO DRUG TRAFFICKING IN AND THROUGH THE MANY ISLANDS OF THE CARIBBEAN. IT IS TO DISTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY THIS INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR ACTION AND TO RECEIVE SIMILAR INFORMATION ON TRAFFICKING IN OTHER COUNTRIES TO WHICH OUR AGENTS IN CURACAO WILL DIRECT THEIR EFFORTS. SINCE DEA IS ABROAD WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF AND AT THE PLEASURE OF THE HOST COUNTRY, IT DOES NOT ACT UNILATERALLY IN ANY OPERATIONAL MATTERS; AGENTS WILL ASSIST IN OPERATIONS ONLY AS REQUESTED BY APPROPRIATE HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS AND APPROVED BY APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS. IN THE MATTER OF THE ARUBA INCIDENT TWO YEARS AGO, DEA POINTS OUT THAT BNDD (DEA'S PREDECESSOR AGENCY) WAS THERE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF AND AT THE REQUEST OF GNA OFFICIALS.

C. RE PAR 3 REFTEL, DEA WOULD PREFER THAT THEIR OFFICE BE LOCATED IN CON GEN SPACE TO SAFEGUARD ADEQUATELY THE SENSITIVE INVESTIGATIONAL FILES AND CORRESPONDENCE GENERATED BY USG/GNA INVESTIGATIONS AND TO FACILITATE CLOSE LIAISON AND A FULLER AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE CON GEN AS TO DEA'S GOAL, STRATEGIES, AND ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, IF THIS IS PHYSICALLY NOT POSSIBLE AS NOTED IN REFTEL, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE NEXT BEST ALTERNATIVE.

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D. DEA APPRECIATES INFORMATION THAT DUTY FREE ENTRY FOR OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS CAN BE ARRANGED WITHOUT REGARD TO TITLES, BECAUSE STATE HAS INFORMED DEA THAT THERE IS A LEGAL PROHIBITION TO THE GRANTING OF CONSULAR COMMISSIONS TO DEA PERSONNEL. WHEN AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEA OFFICE IN CURACAO, DEA WILL ENTER INTO THE CUSTOMARY SAS AGREEMENT TO FUND ITS PROPER SHARE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE CON GEN.

2. WITH RESPECT TO USG POLICY AND OPERATIONAL CONTROLS OVER ACTIVITIES OF DEA OFFICE, GNA CAN BE ASSURED THAT SUCH CONTROLS WILL BE VESTED IN THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER OF THE POST OR THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER TO WHOM DEA AGENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE IN COUNTRY, AS THEY WOULD BE TO AN AMBASSADOR AT A DIPLOMATIC MISSION.

3. ON THE BASIS OF THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED BY DEA, DEPARTMENT HOPES THAT YOU WILL SOON BE IN A POSITION TO APPROACH THE GNA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEA

OFFICE NOW THAT OUR EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE HAS REPORTED THE LIKELY REACTION OF THE GON (THE HAGUE 5129). THE DEPARTMENT ENDORSES THE SUGGESTED COURSE OF ACTION BY EMBASSY THE HAGUE. KISSINGER

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